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IN A DISCUSSION WITH FRANCOIS-PONCET THIS AFTERNOON, MOST OF WHICH WAS REVIEW OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE, WE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY UPCOMING SUMMIT. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FOR YOU TO DISTRIBUTE ONWARD AS YOU SEE FIT:

HE SAID THAT GISCARD IS "PERHAPS ONLY ONE OF OTHER LEADERS" GOING TO LONDON WHO HAS REAL SYMPATHY FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S VIEWS ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. HE SAID THAT HE FELT THAT ISSUE OF EXPORTING NUCLEAR REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY COULD BE RESOLVED IN A WAY THAT WOULD SATISFY US. HOWEVER, US POSITION ON REPROCESSING AND ON NUCLEAR TESTS POSES SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR GISCARD.

HE THOUGHT THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS WOULD GET ALONG VERY WELL. THEY WERE BOTH MEN WHO LIKE TO GET RIGHT DOWN TO BUSINESS. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WHO SECRET

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WOULD SIT IN ON BILATERAL TALKS; I SAID THAT I DID NOT KNOW.

HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW AMBASSADOR, SAYING THAT WHILE HE DID NOT KNOW HIM WELL, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS A THOROUGH AND EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL.

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